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Being Canadian Muslims in the 21st Century: Resources for Educators and Stakeholders

TORONTO, March 3, 2011 – In celebration of International Women’s Day the Canadian Council of Muslim Women (CCMW) has launched two resources for educators and service providers.

The first, entitled Being a Canadian Muslim Woman in the 21st Century: Educational Resource Kit, while primarily aimed at educators and teachers in the classroom, can also be used to sensitize service providers such as social workers and physicians, to issues and challenges faced by young Muslim women.

The kit, developed by educators Dr. Jasmin Zine and Dr. Zabedia Nazim, contains eight modules and tackles topics such as:

- * Muslim women as social transformers through history to present day;
- * body politics and diversity among Muslim women, including forms of dress, professions and backgrounds;
- * violence against women and children, including recent incidents of violence against Muslim women and girls and media and societal responses to them;
- * racism and discrimination.

Each module includes learning objectives, educational level (e.g. intermediate, senior), connections to the curriculum, and may be used on its own or in combination with other materials. The kit is available at

http://ccmw.com/documents/BeingMuslimToolkit/CCMW_Introduction_FINAL.pdf.

The second kit, entitled MY Canada: Finding Common Ground, was created by and for Muslim youth and those who want to engage with them. It includes a video and manual

and contains ideas and tips on creative expression, civic engagement and media relations. The video includes interviews with Muslim youth across the country as they explore issues of radicalization, identity and what it means to be a Canadian Muslim youth in a post 9/11 world. The kit can be accessed through the MY Canada portal on CCMW's website at <http://muslimyouthcanada.wordpress.com/toolkit/>.

On this 100th anniversary of International Women's Day, we celebrate all of the women and youth and our partners who've contributed to these projects. To read CCMW's International Women's Day message visit www.ccmw.com.

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